

West Lake/Bridgeton Landfill Community Advisory Group

October 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:33 by Doug Clemens.

Roll Call of Exec Board in attendance:

Chair: Doug Clemens

Vice-Chair: Bob Nowlin

Treasurer: Rhonda Steelman

Secretary: Vernita Wilson (absent with excuse)

Members At Large: Bill Wilson (absent with excuse), Lynn Leake (absent with excuse)

Minutes from September 2014 meeting: Minutes approved as written.

New Member nomination: Barb Ray nominated and membership approved by vote.

Treasurer's Report: No activity this month. Balance remains at \$396.55.

Doug Clemens announced that there was report issued this past week to Republic Services from MDNR regarding the sub-service fire. Doug reviewed the notice to those in attendance. Matt LaVanchy, Pattonville Fire District was asked to speak about the Fire District position regarding MDNR notice. Matt highlighted that the notice identifies a lack of data that Republic Services needs to address in 30 days. Post -Dispatch article is not accurate. Question from Dawn regarding twelve wells.

Doug Clemens read statements from two historical reports to the audience and these documents will be provided to EPA for followup.

Two reports read were:

8-1-1985

1992 ATSDR

Other attendees/organizations representatives in attendance:

Ben Washburn, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, Region 7

Mary Peterson, Jeff Field, Dan Gravatt, EPA Region 7

Erin Harmann, CDC/ATSDR

Lorena Lock, Elizabeth Semkiw – DHSS

Robyn Kiefer, Mike Petersen, Scott Young- US Army Corps of Engineers

Ed Smith, MO Coalition for the Environment

Kerry DeGregorio, Senator Blunt Office

Jordan Fears, Congressman Ann Wagner Office

Harvey Ferdman, Policy Advisor for Bill Otto office

Katrina Donegan, St Louis County Dept of Health

Linda Eaker, Randy Hein, Ferd Fetch, Bridgeton City Council

Matt LaVanchy, Pattonville Fire District

Terrie Boguski, TASC

Ryan Tilley, St. Charles Co. Dept. of Health

New Motions made from the floor:

Motion Kathy Bell motioned to read new resolutions. Chuck Bell 2nd motion.

Resolution 2014-1 read by Doug Clemens.(see attachment)

Motion to vote Resolution 2014-1: Joe Lumetta. 2nd Kathy Bell. Vote unanimous approval

Resolution 2014-2 read by Doug Clemens.

Motion to vote Resolution 2014-2: Mike Dailey, 2nd Barb Ray. Vote unanimous approval.

No CAG Exec Board business to report.

New Business: (none)

EPA presentation by Mary Peterson,.Dr. Todd Phillips Key Provisions of CERCLA and West Lake Base Line Risk Assessment. (see attachment).

Conclusion of Baseline Risk Assessment for West Lake: Removal Action is warranted.

The specific removal action is to be determined based on the Supplemental Supplemental Feasibility study to the ROD amendment.

Community Q&A with EPA (see video recording on youtube→ <http://youtu.be/M7Wfv-wm42k>)

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Monday, December 8, 2014.

Approximately 50 in attendance; 18 members.

Questions/ Actions for followup:

1.To US Congressional representatives (Blunt/ DeGregorio) from Harvey Ferdman – please have congressional reps investigate and change EPA procedures relating to risk assessments. Current procedures do not encompass analysis of other real factors such as tornadoes, earthquakes and SSE (fires) which also threaten public safety in addition to toxins at the landfill.

2. To EPA: How is EPA Region 7 evaluating the very real risk of SSE and radiological material in its decision making for ROD amendment ?

3. To EPA: Who decides EPA takes over Risk Assessment from PRP? Who makes that decision? Under orders EPA issued to PRP, EPA reviews submitted reports. Since the community does not agree that the 2000 risk assessment of West Lake was done with sufficient characterization of public safety issues present at West Lake landfill, Who do we make a formal request for a new or updated risk assessment?

4. Will the EPA provide documentation online of the answers they have provided to the community's questions over past months? (E. Smith)

5. To EPA: What is the status of the USGS water sample analysis? (Bob Nowlin)

6. To EPA: Can the EPA direct the Community to other expert sources to assist with analyzing public health and safety hazards that are present at West Lake, since EPA will only focus on toxins and radioactivity.

7. To EPA: Why was the risk assessment performed with in an area that has minimal residential population? (Debi Disser)

8. To EPA: Community deserves a seat at the table regarding public safety and risk assessments.

9. To EPA: Why hasn't a airport crashes been taken into account in West Lake site risk assessment, when other airport issues have been included (ie.bird nuisance and trench) (Bpb Nowlin).